

REMARKS

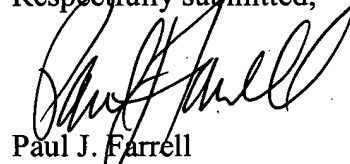
Claims 1-4, 6-10 and 14 are pending in the application. It is respectfully acknowledged that the Examiner has allowed Claims 1-8 and 14. The Examiner rejects Claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Schroeder et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,032,053).

Please note that although the Examiner has not made any reference to Claim 14, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 14 is allowable based on its dependence on an allowed base claim.

Please cancel Claims 9 and 10, without prejudice. All of the remaining claims pending in the application are in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-4, 6-8 and 14, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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